The measures taken to prevent death due to reasons other than natura causes include, inter alia, the following:

(i) A full time veterinary doctor looks after the health care and treatment of wild animals in captivity in the zoo.

(ii) Food materials supplied are thoroughly examined by the zoo authorities for their hygenic and nutritional values before giving them to the animals.

(iii) As and when required, the assistance of subject specialists in veterinary care is taken from outside the zoo.

(iv) Animals under treatment of contagious diseases are kept in clinical isolation from the others to prevent spreading of such diseases

Pakistan's capability of building Hiroshima Type Bombs

*530. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that recently the 'Los Angeles Times' reported that Pakistan has managed to build six to twelve Hiroshima type bombs;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government are also aware that these bombs could be used against India through F-16 plane which are proposed to be acquired by Pakistan from USA; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to face N-bomb threat from Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are aware of Pakistan's clardestine weapons-oriented nuclear programme.

(c) The US Government are proposing to allow the transfer of, inter-alia, 38 F-16 aircraft to Pakistan which are generally capable of delivering nuclear weapons.

(d) Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on national security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.

Unused High-tech gadgets imported by para-military forces

*531. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the Pioneer report of 13th April, 1994 about expensive high-tech gadgetry imported by para-military forces, lying unused;

(b) the reasons for this criminal waste; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in the matter

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have seen the Pioneer report of 13th April, 1994.

(b) and (c) The equipment was not imported. It was procured from indigenous sources in the public sector. It is being properly utilized for the intended purpose.

Reconstitution of Oil Selection Boards

*532. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: